

Department of Justice is protecting its so-called smelter trust and is shirking its duty by failing to prosecute "a powerful ally of the Taft administration" formed the basis of a statement accompanying a resolution introduced by Representative Martin, of Colorado, providing that an investigation by the Committee on Mines and Mining be instituted. Representative Martin terms Attorney General Wickard's refusal to furnish Congress with information as to the existence of the trust "astounding."

In contradicting the Attorney General's statement that there is no smelter trust, Representative Martin said:

"It is an absolutely safe assertion that there is a smelting trust, and that the Department of Justice is protecting it and shirking its duty, and does not do its duty by prosecuting this powerful ally of the Taft administration."

"Congress is showing signs of languor in the trust-busting business, but I hope to show that 'it' is all the antitrust force that the government has. That it has pursued the even tenor of its way, strangling and robbing both the smelting and mining industries, controlling the markets, and affixing the prices to both."

DETROIT TIMES PRESIDENT SAYS PEOPLE WANT T. R.

Mr. James T. Schenck, president of the Detroit Times, stopped off in this city yesterday on his way back to Detroit from New England.

"While in New England," said he, "I availed myself of the opportunity to investigate the political conditions there, and was surprised to find so little sentiment and enthusiasm for Mr. Taft."

When asked as to the political condition in the State of Michigan, he replied: "If the people there had a chance to express their choice for President at a Presidential primary, Col. Roosevelt would get every delegate from Michigan by a vote of three to one, as against Mr. Taft."

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House Committee Will Not Continue Its Inquiry.

The Rules Committee of the House has dropped its investigation of the strike of the textile workers at Lawrence, Mass. Representative Henry, of Texas, the Rules chairman, made this announcement yesterday.

Warrenton Hunt Club Rides.

Sported To The Washington Herald.

Warrenton, Va., March 25.—The members of the Warrenton Hunt Club met at the farm of W. F. Wilbur, near Warrenton, this afternoon, and had a stiff ride of several miles over plank fences and stone walls, with a brilliant finish over plank fence on the estate of Mr. H. C. Grooms.

M. F. N. C. H. Smith, with whip W. T. Wilbur and E. A. Russell, Jr., hunted the horses. The riding was merry. C. H. Smith, W. F. Wilbur, H. C. Grooms, J. J. P. Stone, T. L. Evans, M. J. K. Macdonald, and Mrs. John S. Gaines.

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